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USIE-00 INRE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PH-03 H-02 INR-07

L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 A-01

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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 120
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS ARMR CD US
SUBJ: GRADUAL REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF POTENTIAL EVACUEES
REF: MILLER-KEELEY TELCON APRIL 2

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

REVIEWED BY Therrell DATE 10/9/80

RDS ☐ EXT ☐ DATE _____
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ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐
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PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS _____

1. DCM MET WITH APPROXIMATELY 35 PRESS CORRESPONDENTS, NEARLY ALL OF THEM AMERICAN, AT 1600 HOURS APRIL 2. AFTER GIVING OPAL STATEMENT QUOTED IN PARA TWO BELOW, DCM ANSWERED QUESTIONS, IT HAVING BEEN AGREED IN ADVANCE THAT QUESTIONS WOULD RELATE TO THIS TOPIC ALONE. TRANSCRIPT OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOLLOWS SEPTEL.

2. QUOTE. WHEN I MET WITH YOU ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS TO BRIEF YOU ON THE STATUS OF THIS EMBASSY WITH RESPECT TO EVACUATION PLANS OR ACTIONS I PROMISED THAT IF A CHANGE IN OUR POSTURE WERE TO OCCUR WE WOULD ADVISE YOU OF IT, TO ASSIST YOU IN FILING ACCURATE STORIES. THERE HAS NOT BEEN A MAJOR CHANGE IN OUR EVACUATION PLANS OR POSTURE RECENTLY, BUT I DO WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT DURING THE COMING FEW DAYS SOME OF OUR OFFICIAL PERSONNEL -- A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER -- AND SOME OTHERS FOR WHOM THIS EMBASSY IS RESPONSIBLE WILL BE LEAVING TEMPORARILY TO GO TO BANGKOK. ON THE OFFICIAL SIDE WE HAVE FOUND THAT WE CAN TEMPORARILY DO WITHOUT
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THE SERVICES OF SOME PEOPLE WHOSE WORK IS LESS ESSENTIAL
IN CARRYING OUT OUR PROGRAMS HERE. AND SOME OF THE PEOPLE
IN THE NON-OFFICIAL CATEGORIES FOR WHICH WE ARE RESPONSIBLE
HAVE ASKED IF THEY COULD LEAVE, ALSO TEMPORARILY. IN MOST CASES,
AND WE WILL FACILITATE THEIR DEPARTURE OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS
BY MEANS OF THE AIRCRAFT WE HAVE AT OUR DISPOSAL. I CAN'T GIVE
YOU ANY EXACT FIGURES AT THIS TIME BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW
MANY WILL BE GOING TO BANGKOK, BUT I WISH TO STRESS THAT THE
VAST BULK OF OUR OFFICIAL MISSION PERSONNEL ARE REMAINING IN
PNOM PENH AND WILL BE CONTINUING THEIR WORK IN SUPPORT OF
OUR PROGRAMS OF ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER
REPUBLIC. END QUOTE.

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